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SUBJ: CAMPESINO DEVELOPMENTS

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 2530

1. CAMPESINOS AFFILIATED TO THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CAMPESINO UNION (UNC) FOLLOWED UP THE PRESSURE STARTED BY THEIR OCCUPATION OF KEY BRIDGES THROUGHOUT HONDURAS ON JUNE 12 BY THE OCCUPATION OF THE HONDURAN SUPREME COURT BUILDING ON JUNE 13.

2. CGT PRESIDENT JULIAN LAGOS TOLD LABOFF THAT OF THE 136 PRISONERS HE HAD MENTIONED IN EARLIER CONVERSATION (SEE REFTTEL), 29 HAD BEEN RELEASED ON BOND. HE SAID THAT ONLY 69 WERE ACTUALLY BEING HELD AND THAT THE OTHER 67 HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH COMMON CRIMES. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE REMAINING 40 PRISONERS, LAGOS REPLIED THAT "INA (NATIONAL AGRARIAN INSTITUTE) HAD UNDERTAKEN TO SECURE THEIR RELEASE."

3. CONSERVATIVE NEWSPAPERS LA PRENSA AND LA NOTICIA HAVE
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REPORTED THAT INA POSTED BONDS TO SECURE RELEASE OF 29

FREED PRISONERS. THE PAPERS SAID THAT THIS CONSTITUTES A
SERIOUS MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS AND VIRTUALLY LICENSES
FUTURE LAND INVASIONS. THE PAPERS REASON THAT IF A
CAMPESINO KNOWS THAT INA WILL PROVIDE BAIL, HE WILL HAVE NO
REASON TO REFRAIN FROM SEIZING LAND. THE POSTING OF BONDS
BY INA HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED.

4. PRESS STORIES CONTINUE TO INDICATE THAT GOH HAS
ASSURED UNC LEADERS THAT THOSE PRISONERS STILL HELD WILL BE
RELEASED.
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